

## **SPORTS COMMISSION**

### **Progress Report of the Major Sports Events Committee**

#### **Introduction**

This paper reports on the work of the Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) since the last update to the Sports Commission (SC) in July 2021.

#### **Progress Update**

##### *“M” Mark event applications and funding position*

2. Between July and December 2021, the MSEC granted the “M” Mark status to the “Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021” and endorsed its funding support which comprised a matching fund capped at \$9 million. The event was successfully staged on 24 October 2021 under a set of stringent infection prevention and control measures. This was the second “M” Mark event held in Hong Kong after the outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic.

3. While the “Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021” was held successfully, seven “M” Mark events originally scheduled to be held from October to December of 2021 had been either cancelled or postponed given the stringent inbound travel restrictions implemented in Hong Kong arising from the epidemic. These events are listed as follows –

- (i) Cathay Pacific/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens 2021;
- (ii) 15th IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Racing Championships;
- (iii) FIBA 3X3 World Tour Hong Kong Master 2021(Basketball);
- (iv) Hong Kong Open Badminton Championships 2021 part of the HSBC BWF World Tour Super 500;

- (v) Everbright Sun Hung Kai Hong Kong Squash Open 2021;
- (vi) Prudential Hong Kong Tennis Open 2021; and
- (vii) Hong Kong Open (Golf) 2021.

4. Since the launch of the “M” Mark in 2004, we have granted “M” Mark status to 157 events, 73 of which received a total funding support of **\$222.11 million**. A list of “M” Mark events since 2019 is at **Annex**.

#### **Advice Sought**

5. Members are invited to note the above progress update.

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